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close. The question is shall the amendment to the amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the amendment? Senator Will, did you wish to pass over amendment 10 now?

SENATOR WILL: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I would ask that we pass over amendment 10 for the time being.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Amendment 10 will be passed over. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next proposed change offered by the Rules Committee relates to a division of the question, Senator.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, this proposed rules change number 11 was brought by the Rules Committee. It deals with the topic of a divided question. We've already discussed that topic somewhat today. This, as you probably all know, any member of the Legislature currently can ask for a division of the question and if the Chair, in the Chair's judgment, the question is dividable into distinct parts then the division is automatically ordered. It's, the division of the question is something that has been used increasingly in recent years and some members of the body have expressed concern about the fact that it can be used as a tactic to fight a proposition because the question initially is divided and then amendments are introduced to each individual component of that repeatedly and the result being that a resolution of the major issue is never reached or it is prolonged before it can be reached. What this rule change would do is quite simply state that once a division is ordered then each component is treated as an individual proposition and at the same time individual components are not amendable. So each individual component would be treated separately, they would not be amendable. This would not prevent an amendment from a...any amendment from being considered once the divided question has been dealt with. Once the divided question has been adopted, then any amendment would